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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR MRN

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FAHMY, ISMAIL)

SUBJ: FAHMY'S TRIP TO US

REF CAIRO 13395,

1. ASKED FAHMY TODAY IF HE HAD YET FINALIZED HIS PLANS FOR A TRIP TO US. HE SAID HE HAS NOT. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT STILL WANTS HIM TO GO, HE NOTED THAT THE EARLIEST HE COULD LEAVE WOULD BE OCT 22, I.E., AFTER ARAB SUMMIT. HE IS CONCERNED THAT SUCH A DEPARTURE DATE IS TOO CLOSE TO OUR ELECTION AND NOT A GOOD TIME FOR HIM TO APPEAR. HE DOUBTS THAT PRES FORD WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE HIM IN THE WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. HE INTENDS TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH SADAT IN THE HOPE OF GETTING THE PRES TO AGREE THAT HIS TRIP BE POSTPONED.

2. I AGAIN STRESSED TO HIM YOUR HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME FOR A AT LEAST A FEW DAYS. THERE ARE SOME MATTERS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH HIM, WHICH SIMPLY CANNOT BE PUT INTO TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGES. FAHMY INDICATED HE, TOO, WOULD LIKE THE FOPPORTUNITY FOR A LONG TALK WITH YOU, BUT REITERATED HIS VIEW ABOUT THE UNDESIRABILITY OF APPEARING JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION. DO YOU WISH ME TO SAY ANYTHING FURTHER TO HIM ABOUT A VISIT AND/OR

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